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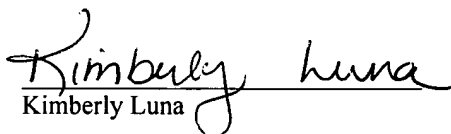
Entitled: COATING COMPOSITION FOR SKIN-CONTACTING SURFACE OF  
ELASTOMERIC ARTICLES AND ARTICLES CONTAINING THE  
SAME

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**ELECTION/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March, 21, 2005. The shortened statutory period for response of 30 (thirty) days for election and response is set to expire April 21, 2005. Therefore, this election and response are considered timely filed.

**Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121:**

The Examiner has separated the claimed invention into the following Groups:

Group I: Claims 1 through 17 and 50, drawn to a coating composition for application on skin, classified in class 424, subclass 78.02.

Group II: Claims 18 through 36, drawn to an elastomeric article and glove comprising a coating, classified in class 428, subclass 492+.

Group III: Claims 37 through 42, drawn to a method of making an elastomeric article via applying a coating and drying said coating, classified in class 427, subclass 331+.

Group IV: Claims 43 through 49, drawn to a method of therapeutically treating the skin of the hands, classified in class 424, subclass 400+.

The Examiner has required election of one of the above groups under 35 U.S.C. §121 for examination on the merits. The Examiner asserts that the the above inventions are distinct. In particular, the Examiner asserts that inventions I and II are related as subcombinations; inventions I and III are related as product and process of use; inventions I and IV are unrelated; inventions II and III are related as process of making and product made; inventions II and IV are related as product and process of use; inventions III and IV are unrelated. The Examiner's arguments have been noted by Applicant.

**Election:**

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II, claims 18 through 36 for

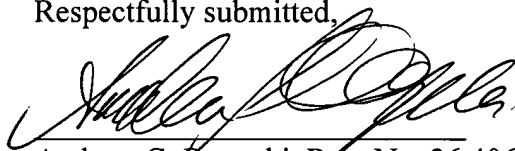
examination on the merits. Election is made without traverse. Claims 1 through 17 and 37 through 49 are drawn to the non-elected inventions. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected invention and corresponding claims in one or more continuing application(s) (e.g., divisional application(s)).

**Conclusion:**

Upon examination on the merits, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the application on the merits if it is believed that such discussion would expedite the prosecution.

Dated: Mar. 29, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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